

November 5, 2019

Mr. William McCusker, Chairman Grafton Zoning Board of Appeals Grafton Municipal Center 30 Providence Road Grafton, MA 01519

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Zoning Board of Appeals

Re: Request for Insubstantial Modification
"Elmrock Estates" Comprehensive Permit
TPE Project No.: 1015

Dear Board Members:

On behalf of Wheelrock, LLC ("Wheelrock"), please accept this letter as a formal request that the Grafton Zoning Board of Appeals find that the proposed modifications to the approved plan as described below and illustrated on the enclosed plan are "insubstantial" pursuant to Condition J.1 of the Comprehensive Permit and 760 CMR 56.05(11).

Pursuant to Condition D.4 of the Comprehensive Permit, Wheelrock, through their attorney, has been working with Grafton Land Trust ("GLT") regarding the transfer of the Open Space Area at the southerly end of the project site. GLT has elected to accept the land in fee from Wheelrock in lieu of solely holding the Use Restriction on the land. Additionally, GLT has informed Wheelrock that they would prefer not to hold an Exclusive Use Easement over portions of Lots 15, 16, and 17. Therefore, since GLT's preference is to have the land conveyed in fee to them, the property lines for lots 15, 16, and 17 need to be revised to create the standalone Open Space parcel that can be deeded to GLT. As a result of the reconfiguration of the property lines and the removal of the Exclusive Use Easement, the Open Space Area (Parcel "A") will be 4.11± acres. Although this is a slight reduction in the total area that would have had a Use Restriction and an Exclusive Use Easement, GLT supports this proposal as is evident in their enclosed letter of support.

Kindly place this matter on the next available meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals at which time we shall be present to answer questions and discuss any further details pertaining to this request. Should you have any questions or require additional information prior to the meeting, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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Stephen J. O'Connell Project Manager

Enclosure(s)

C: Grafton Town Clerk

Chad Boardman - Wheelrock, LLC

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Cathy Netburn, Esquire - D'Agostine, Levine, Parra, & Netburn

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## Grafton Land Trust, Inc.

October 30, 2019

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**Zoning Board of Appeals** Grafton Memorial Municipal Center 30 Providence Road Grafton, MA 01519

Zoning Board of Appeals

Re:

Support for Modification of Open Space at Elmrock Estates

Dear Zoning Board of Appeals,

Pursuant to Condition D.4 of the Comprehensive Permit for Elmrock Estates at 23 Wheeler Rd, Grafton Land Trust (GLT) has been working with the developer and their counsel regarding the transfer of the Open Space Area at the south end of the project site. GLT prefers and has elected to accept the land in fee from the developer in lieu of solely holding the Use Restriction on the land. Additionally, GLT would prefer not to hold an Exclusive Use Easement over portions of Building Lots 15, 16, and 17, therefore, since our preference is to have the land conveyed to us, the property lines for lots 15, 16, and 17 need to be revised to create the standalone Open Space parcel that can be transferred to GLT.

As a result of the reconfiguration of the property lines and the removal of the Exclusive Use Easement, the Open Space Area will be 4.11± acres. This is a slight reduction in the total area that would have had a Use Restriction and an Exclusive Use Easement. GLT supports this proposal as it offers increased public benefit via simplified trail system management and is consistent with our wishes for the handling of this land in the context of the pre-existing GLT parcels, including the option of a neighborhood access point to the GLT trail network by connecting up to the access path between Lots 11 and 12.

Sincerely

Grafton Land Trust, Ind.

